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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 5-6 CIVIL DISORDERS: CENSORSHIP

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED LOCAL CENSORSHIP OF FEBRUARY 18 ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE WITH THOMAS LOAYZA, TIME'S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHO GAVE EMBASSY COPY OF MISSING PAGE CONTAINING STORY ON PERU. ACCORDING TO TIME REP, LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR WAS WORRIED THAT IME STORY MIGHT OFFEND GOVERNMENT. DISTRIBUTOR CONSULTED WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR BUT WAS TOLD THAT CENSORSHIP FELL UNDER THE PROVIDE OF THE MILITARY COMMAND AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. DISTRIBUTOR REPORTEDLY ASKED INTERIOR OFFICIAL WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM IF HE REMOVED STORY AND THEN SOLD MAGAZINE. INTERIOR OFFICIAL RESPONDED THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA. LOAYZA SAID THAT HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER OVERZEALOUS DISTRIBUTOR FIRST THOUGHT OF CLIPPING PAGE OR WHETHER IDEA WAS "SUGGESTED" BY INTERIOR.

2. LOAYZA ALSO COMMENTED KNOWLEDGEABLY ON LOCAL SITUATION. HE BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT VELASCO REMAINS VERY MUCH IN CHARGE BUT THAT HIS AUTHORITY HAS BEEN WEAKENED BY MISHANDLING OF
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POLICE SITUATION. LOAYZA SAID THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ

HAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT WITHIN ARMY AND IT IS GROWING BUT
THAT CRISIS ARRIVED MUCH TOO EARLY FOR PRIME MINISTER MORALES,
WHOM IN OFFICE ONLY TWO DAYS, TO HAVE PLAYED MUCH OF A ROLE.
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